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Testimony of Jennifer O'Neil Sarwar

Members of the Committee on Children,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Raised H.B. No. 6798, An Act Requiring Labeling of Baby Food and Infant Formula Containing Genetically Engineered Organisms.

I am a mother of two young boys. I have great concern about what I feed my family, especially in a world when autism, food allergies and autoimmune diseases as well as other food related health issues are skyrocketing. Labeling baby food including formula will help me and thousands of other mother's make informed and educated choices as to whether or not to purchase food containing genetically engineered organisms. It's that simple.

As a mother, I want to buy real food not food like products made in a laboratory containing a built in herbicide (see references, A) that resists weeds linked to serious health issues and environmental problems.

As a Holistic Certified Health Coach, I've independently researched for over 2 years (and I advise others to avoid GMO diets). I come up with the same conclusion 1) products containing GMOs haven't been proven to be safe for human consumption, 2) they are still being sold to the American market without independent long-term studies, 3) American corporations manufacture food with non-GMO ingredients for export to foreign countries that require the labeling of GMOs. I question why our American corporations don't use the same ingredients in America? My guess is that we don't have strict regulations and guidelines for our American corporations to follow.

Now is the time to label Genetically Modified foods! We have right to know what we (the American public) are buying.

Please vote **yes**, in support of Raised H.B. No. 6798, An Act Requiring Labeling of Baby Food and Infant Formula Containing Genetically Engineered Organisms.

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References:

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